

AN AMERICAN BRONCHO.

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There are few subjects which an Englishman dislikes with more vigor than the bucking of horses, and, as a rule, there are none which he knows less about. If he have personal experience to add weight to his arguments, he is generally eminently of some theory which he would apply in every case, and is indignant when he hears that a horse has been trained to obedience in any other way. Sometimes he is a humanitarians whose feelings are outraged by the thought of whip or spur; or a disciple of Baugé, with beliefs in mysterious personal influences of man over beast; or, most frequently, a fox-hunter, positive that no horse could throw him were he once securely upon its back.

I wonder if any of those good people, who doubtless have substantial grounds for their several opinions, ever saw a broncho of the species I am about to meet, brought into contact with a man. I do not think so.

The broncho is not an unknown creature now. Buffalo Bill introduced some modified specimens a few years ago, and accounts without number have been written of buck-jumping in all its forms. Yet I have never seen a description of the breaking-in of a broncho which really brought out the pith of the difficulty that has to be overcome by the rough-riders of the plains.

I would, therefore, ask all those who wish to understand the true Western breaker of horses sometimes has before him, to accompany me upon a little journey of 5,000 miles to the West, as I stood some years ago, on the side of an old lumber-wagon, and a sharp kick on either side of me, and Colonel Jensen spoke.

"Draw, boys, and cover him. We must not lose another life. Fire when I give the word, every one."

There was a quick movement on the stable-roof, and ten revolvers flashed out of their sheaths, and ten fingers then pressed upon the trigger, waiting for the word.

(Philadelphia Times.)

Lithuanian Depositors Afraid of the County Savings Bank.

The run of the school children in the vicinity of Eighth and Bainbridge streets on the County Savings Bank continued yesterday, but no serious results to the other financial institutions of the city are feared, as the amount due each depositor in the County Bank does not run into the thousands.

In fact, the main stockholders say that the majority of the depositors ranged from one cent up to \$10. He could also recall one depositor, \$10, which the owner had given notice that he wished to withdraw.

As the rules of the bank require a two weeks' notice of withdrawal, it is hoped that before that time the officers will have converted their Government bonds and other securities into ready cash and be able to pay off the several hundred school children who have placed their all in the care of the bank.

The manager of the branch at Eighth and Bainbridge streets, the central office being located at 1322 Ridge Avenue, with other branches at 2551 Kensington Avenue, Nineteenth and Susquehanna Avenue and 3821 Lancaster Avenue--Samuel J. Lynch, took upon himself the responsibility of paying off the smaller depositors yesterday without the required two weeks' notice.

BABY ROLL ACCOUNTS.

If a wee tot of four, six or seven years came in and demanded his two, three or five cents, it was paid him after he had stood in a chair and signed his name or made his mark in the book.

He, however, the anxious depositor was unlucky enough to have placed twenty, thirty or forty cents in the bank, he was solemnly told to call in two weeks and the printed rules shown him.

It was magnificent, and I was just about to say so to Ezekiel Yates, when the wretched creature threw up his head with one of his horrid screams, drew himself together, and bounded forward at a racing gallop. The walls of the corral were six feet high, made of strong cedar posts planted side by side in a deep trench, stout saplings lashed across them with tough rawhide. At the first goings he leaped the corral in a fit of despair, or with the head held bodily against it? Or he went his spurs increasing at every bound, until he reached a point from whence with one leap he would have impaled himself upon the top of the corral. Here he stopped dead in his tracks, his feet thrown out in front of him still ploughing up the earth, and his nose almost touching the ground.

"Another trick," growled Ezekiel. "It was that way he sent Bob scotin', to dash his brains agin that hard log wall."

Joe Starling never moved. He had lost all hold of the pony's head, but he clung to him with long powerful limbs, and held on like a barnacle.

At this piece of horsemanship we all vociferously cheered. The sound seemed to raise the spirit of every man upon the stable roof. Still I did not go into the corral, and remained, clean-shaven face sharp as a wasp's round as an oakapple and nearly as brown.

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